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Sam Seii Ochi

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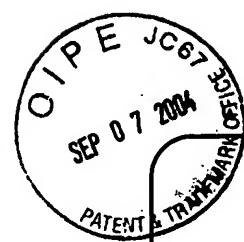
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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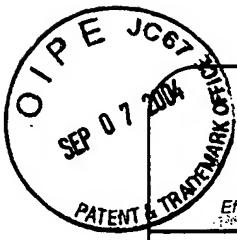
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	20	-20** = 0	X\$18	=\$0
Independent Claims	6	-3** = 3	X\$86	=\$258
Multiple Dependent			X	

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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	1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
	1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
	1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
	1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
	1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
	1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
	1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
	1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
	1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
	1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
	1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
	1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
	1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
	1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
	1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
	1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
	1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional	
	1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
	1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
	1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
	1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
	1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
	1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
	8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
	1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
	1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
	1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
	1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
	Other fee (specify) -----					
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